

House File 2396 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 565)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the definitions of "all-terrain vehicle"
2 and "off-road utility vehicle" for purposes of provisions
3 administered by the department of natural resources.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 4, Code Supplement
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 4. "*All-terrain vehicle*" means a motor vehicle designed
4 to travel on three or more wheels and designed primarily for
5 off-road recreational use. "*All-terrain vehicle*" includes
6 off-road utility vehicles ~~as defined in section 321I.1~~, but
7 does not include farm tractors or equipment, construction
8 equipment, forestry vehicles, or lawn and grounds maintenance
9 vehicles.

10 Sec. 2. Section 321.1, Code Supplement 2011, is amended by
11 adding the following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 47A. "*Off-road utility vehicle*" means a
13 motorized flotation-tire vehicle with not less than four and
14 not more than eight low-pressure tires that is limited in
15 engine displacement to less than one thousand five hundred
16 cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to not more than one
17 thousand eight hundred pounds and that has a seat that is of
18 bucket or bench design, not intended to be straddled by the
19 operator, and a steering wheel or control levers for control.

20 Sec. 3. Section 321I.1, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
21 2011, is amended to read as follows:

22 a. "*All-terrain vehicle*" means a motorized ~~flotation-tire~~
23 vehicle with not less than three and not more than six
24 ~~low-pressure~~ nonhighway tires that is limited in engine
25 displacement to less than one thousand cubic centimeters and in
26 total dry weight to less than one thousand two hundred pounds
27 and that has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the
28 operator and handlebars for steering control.

29 Sec. 4. Section 321I.1, subsection 16, paragraph a, Code
30 2011, is amended to read as follows:

31 a. "*Off-road utility vehicle*" means a motorized
32 ~~flotation-tire~~ vehicle with not less than four and not more
33 than eight ~~low-pressure~~ nonhighway tires that is limited in
34 engine displacement to less than one thousand five hundred
35 cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to not more than ~~one~~

1 two thousand ~~eight hundred~~ pounds and that has a seat that is
2 of bucket or bench design, not intended to be straddled by the
3 operator, and a steering wheel or control levers for control.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill revises the definitions of "all-terrain vehicle"
6 and "off-road utility vehicle" for purposes of Code chapter
7 321I.

8 The definition of "all-terrain vehicle" is amended to
9 include vehicles with not less than three and not more than six
10 nonhighway tires. In addition, the revised definition limits
11 the engine displacement to less than 1,000 cubic centimeters,
12 limits the dry weight to less than 1,200 pounds, and retains
13 current requirements for a seat or saddle designed to be
14 straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control.

15 The definition of "off-road utility vehicle" is amended to
16 include vehicles with not less than four and not more than
17 eight nonhighway tires. In addition, the revised definition
18 limits the engine displacement to less than 1,500 cubic
19 centimeters, limits the total dry weight to not more than 2,000
20 pounds, and retains current requirements for a bucket or bench
21 seat and a steering wheel or control levers.

22 The bill amends the current definition of "all-terrain
23 vehicle" and adds a definition of "off-road utility vehicle"
24 to Code chapter 321 so that, for purposes of motor vehicle
25 provisions administered by the department of transportation,
26 the definitions of those two terms remain as they are under
27 current law.